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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 4 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Envelope, will be received free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

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Chief Manager.

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G. E. NOBLE,
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Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS for the POST of SECRETARY to the above Company will be received until the 29th INSTANT. Such Applications to be addressed to the CHAIRMAN of the Company at the Office, No. 7, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, March 6, 1889. 431

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Underwritten with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1888, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONDS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th DAY OF MARCH INSTANT, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, March 1, 1889. 388

Intimations.

THE ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES OF THE 1st BATTALION ARGVILL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS will take place
On the 18th March,
THE RACE COURSE,
By KIND PERMISSION OF THE JOCKEY CLUB.

The following will be the Open Events:—
1.—HALF-MILE RACE, open to the Services, Volunteers and Police.
2.—A MILE RACE.
3.—HIGHLAND FLING.
4.—SWORD DANCE.
5.—PIPER'S COMPETITION open to the World, Entrance, 50 Cents (to play quick-step Strathgarry and Reel).
6.—Also A Two-of-War, Teams of Ten, Entrance, \$5 each team.
Hongkong, March 1, 1889. 390

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Statutory General MEETING of the above COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, the 30th INSTANT, at 10.30 p.m.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents in Hongkong & China.
Hongkong, March 11, 1889. 454

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
SPOON COMPETITION.

300 YARDS, 10 SHOTS.

NEXT SATURDAY, 16th March, 4 o'clock p.m. Position—Standing, Kneeling or Sitting. Members' attention is called to Rule No. 7.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 11, 1889. 409

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

TENDERS are invited for PLANS and ESTIMATES for a NEW GRAND STAND. The same to be sent to the Undersecretary on or before 31st APRIL A.C.

By Order,
M. GROTE,
Acting Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, March 9, 1889. 449

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEI DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the PUNJOM AND SUNGHEI DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1889, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th of February instant, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.
That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$200,000 legally current in the Colony of Hongkong by the creation of 20,000 New Shares of \$10 each. Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Meeting sanctioning the increase of Capital, all New Shares shall be offered to the Members in proportion to the existing Shares held by them, and such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined, and after the expiration of such time or on the receipt of an intimation from the Member to whom such notice is given that he declines to accept the Shares offered, such Shares shall be dealt with by the Directors in their discretion.

Dated the 25th day of February, 1889.
By Order of the Board,
A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEI DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that if the above mentioned Resolution for the increase of the Capital of the Company be confirmed, the SHARE REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th day of March to the 15th day of April, both inclusive.

Dated the 25th day of February, 1889.
By Order of the Board,
A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Sixth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, 23rd March, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th to 23rd INSTANT, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 1, 1889. 398

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fifth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on MONDAY, 26th March, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th INSTANT, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 4, 1889. 422

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

NEW BOOKS:
DIAN BARRINGTON, SHIPS, SAILORS AND THE SEA. GHOST STORIES.
ETHANS. AULD LIGHT IDYLLS. ARM CHAIR ESSAYS. OLEO CHANGES. MAJOR LAWRENCE. THE POETS AT PLAY. THE MOUNTAIN KINGDOM. LORD CAIRNS' TRIP ROUND THE WORLD. THE DAGONET RECREATOR. A TRINITY TO SALAM. GIBB'S HOUSEHOLD MEDICINE. SPEAKS AND ANECDOTES. STONEWING ON THE DOGS. CHES PLAYERS' HANDBOOK. STATIONER'S CHES.

THE BALANCE OF OUR CHRISTMAS ANNUALS will be SOLD AT REDUCED PRICES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1889. 386

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SECOND DELIVERY OF WINTER COATINGS, TWEED AND DRESS SUITINGS, TROUSERS, AND ULSTER TWEEDS.

A Very Stylish Selection.
OUR OUTFITTING STOCK IS ALSO COMPLETE IN SEASONABLE GOODS.

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL),
Hongkong, January 14, 1889. 69

Victoria Hotel,

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Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1888. 1612

W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE BOUGHT, AT AN IMMENSE REDUCTION, THE BALANCE OF THE BON MARCHE STOCK.

And are offering it for ONE WEEK ONLY at exceptionally LOW PRICES. THE STOCK CONSISTS OF—NOVELS, MUSIC, MICROSCOPES, ANEROID BAROMETERS, STEREOGRAMS, MONICLES, VIEWS, CIGAR HOLDERS, PIPES, FIDDLE BOWS, BANJO, TAMBORENE, BONES, POCKET BOOKS, BAGS, FLASKS, GLASS WARE, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, March 9, 1889. 450

Intimations.

MASONIC BALL.

ALL PERSONS having ACCOUNTS against the GENERAL COMMITTEE are particularly requested to send them in to the Undersecretary, on or before the 15th INSTANT, at 4 p.m., after which date NO CLAIM will be entertained.

SUBSCRIBERS to the BALL who may not have Office or places of Business in the Colony, will greatly oblige by forthwith SENDING the AMOUNT of their Subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. H. GASKELL, at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, as collection will be greatly facilitated thereby.

ALF. WOOLLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

MASONIC BALL COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, March 8, 1889. 448

ROWLANDS' KALYDOR

Wholesale and Retail Agents for China: A. B. WATSON & Co., Shanghai. 954

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 749

A LADY (very good author) wishing to return to England in the Spring, would be glad to give her Services during the voyage, in return for her passage home.

Address, Miss EABLE, c/o OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.
Hongkong, February 4, 1889. 218

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS are invited for the CONSTRUCTION of a ROBEW STEAM TUG (the SHELTON GOVERNMENT TUG) to be built at the British Resident, Singapore, and to be ready for service on the 1st May, 1889.

Further information may be obtained from the GOVERNMENT SECRETARY at Hongkong.

F. A. SWETENHAM,
British Resident,
SINGAPORE.
Kuala Lumpur, 26th January, 1889. 432

Business Notices.

THE HALL & HOLTZ

CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Gentlemen's TAILORING AND OUTFITTING DEPARTMENTS.

Spring and Summer Seasons.

THE LARGEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE STOCK EVER IMPORTED TO HONGKONG.

Special attention given to Out-port and Post Orders.

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE LTD.
Hongkong, March 8, 1889. 447

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions from H.M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 18th March, 1889, at Noon, at H.M. Naval Yard,—

SUNDAY NAVAL & VICTUALLING CONDEMNED STORES, comprising—
Old Iron, PAPEL STUFF, FLOYS, EMPTY CASKS, CLOTHING and IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As CUSTOMARY.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 9, 1889. 451

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Sale of Land at Yau-ma-tee.

TWELVE LOTS OF BUILDING LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, BY G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, ON THURSDAY, the 28th March, at 3 p.m.

THOSE LOTS are ripe for immediate development and are situated on high and well drained ground, with frontages to Robinson Street, SIKU STREET and ROBINSON ROAD, and known as

SECTIONS OF INLAND LOT 102. Plans and Particulars may be obtained from

The Surveyor, W. ST. JOHN H. HANCOCK, The Solicitor, HENRY J. HOLMES, or from THE AUCTIONEER.

Hongkong, March 11, 1889. 457

To Let.

NO. 2 MORRISON HILL. Entry 1st April. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, February 25, 1889. 863

TO LET.

PEAK—LA HACIENDA, formerly occupied by Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS. Apply to H. N. MODY, Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 2096

TO LET.

(Entry 1st March next.)
NO. 3, WEST TERRACE. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, January 25, 1889. 176

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR OF HOUSE, No. 64, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Possession from 1st April next. Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 153, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 25, 1889. 387

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS'. Apply to DAVID MACDONALD, 10NS & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 504

TO LET.

(With Early Possession.)
NOS. 1, 2 & 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, January 25, 1889. 147

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLE HOME FOR SINGLE GENTLEMEN. Moderate Terms. Mrs. KELLER, Proprietress.

Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 101

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship MOROY, Captain, will be despatched for the above Ports at Daylight on WEDNESDAY, the 13th INSTANT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 11, 1889. 458

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.) The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship ANCONA, Captain, will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, 15th Inst., at Noon.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 2, 1889. 403

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship W. S. THOMSON, Captain, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 1, 1889. 335

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship TELAMON, Captain, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 21st INSTANT.

Passengers for Europe desiring to proceed OVERLAND, can, on application to the Underigned, have their tickets endorsed for surrender at Algiers in exchange for Coupon Tickets to MARSEILLES (by Transatlantic Company's express boats), and thence to Paris or London. ALGIERA is 28 hours steam from Marseilles, and thence to London occupies about the same time.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1889. 446

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP MORAY, FROM LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optical Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon Tomorrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Inst. will be subject to sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 18th INSTANT, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 11, 1889. 450

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Balcarres Brook, Captain, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 18th INSTANT, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 7, 1889. 435

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Freya, Capt. Norn, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Underigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Inst. will be subject to sale.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th INSTANT, at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. SIRMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1889. 433

The Chamber wrote on the 7th September asking to be furnished with a report upon the enquiry, and in reply received the letter of 1st October already referred to, in which His Excellency said he was in correspondence with the French Consul about the matter, but was already satisfied: (1) That, though the Consul refused to endorse a warrant for an arrest on board a French mail steamer, the process in question was presented to him in a manner which did not justify his recognition; (2) that no officer of any Court went on board the French mail steamer for the purpose of executing the warrant; and (3) that no officer of any Court was turned off the steamer. Now although this letter was dated 1st October, and, as might have been manifest to anyone capable of thinking, referred to an incident different in all its details from the *Caldonia* incident, which took place in January of this year—four months after the date of the letter—the *Daily Press* actually concludes that this letter of 1st October referred to the sensational *Caldonia* incident, and proceeds to lecture the Governor about the inconsistency that exists between his statements and the accounts given in the newspapers. The *Press* incident did not afford much ground of complaint, as there were certain irregularities which might fairly have justified the French Consul in refusing to endorse the warrant. In the *Caldonia* incident, however, the French Consul, as the Governor admitted in Council, did all that was required of him; and the entire cause of the trouble was the action of Captain Maubouffe, or rather the system which enabled him to raise the obstruction. So far from stating that the Consul in this case refused to endorse the warrant, His Excellency admitted in Council that he was asked to back a warrant of the Court, and he accordingly did so. How, we repeat, any intelligent man could have confounded two so distinctly different incidents, one of which ought to be quite fresh in the memory of every resident here, and could have imagined that a letter dated 1st October 1888 referred to an incident that happened in January 1889, it passes our ingenuity to discover.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Kait, Jan. 11; *Ehrenfels*, 15; *Trifels*, Dorset, February 5; *Thyra*, 12; *Bellerophon*, *Glamorganshire*, *Bedfordshire*, *Gloucestershire*, *Essex*, 15; *Lydia*, *Spandrift*, 22; *Cedric*, 25; *London*, Mar. 1; *Ironclad*, *Lactes*, *Palmira*, *Wakelid*, 5.

HOMeward BOUND.—Yorkshire, Feb. 8; *Monmouthshire*, *Polyphymia*, 19; *Bayer*, 20; *Ocus*, Mar. 1; *Chingoo*, *Gleburn*, *Palmira*, *Capeverdin*, *Duke of Westminster*, *Zambesi*, 5.

The O. & O. S. Co.'s steamer *Orontea*, with the Australian Mail of February 13th, left Yokohama on the 7th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 13th instant.

The *Amoy*, with the French Mail of February 9th, left Saigon on Monday, the 11th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 14th instant. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Jan. 2.

The Canadian Pacific Co.'s steamer *Albatross*, from Vancouver, left Yokohama on the 8th inst. for Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong.

The a.s. *Taisang*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The a.s. *Beatty* left Singapore on the 7th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 14th inst.

The O.S.S. Co.'s steamship *Nesher*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 8th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 15th inst.

The O.S.S. Co.'s steamship *Titan*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 8th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 15th inst.

The China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Nippon*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

The Glen Line steamship *Glengyle*, from London, left Singapore on the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

H.B.M. corvette *Sapphire* arrived at Manila, from Labuan, on the 7th inst.

The Sanitary Board meets to-morrow afternoon. The following is the order of the day:—

Letter of the Acting Sanitary Superintendent forwarding a draft Bill to amend The Public Health Ordinances, 1888.

We understand that, if the mail steamer *Pekin* comes in from the North early to-morrow morning, it is expected she will get away at 4 p.m. to-morrow. If, however, she is not in by 8 a.m. to-morrow, her departure must be postponed until the following day at daylight.

Owing to an omission the Handicap for the Lawn Tennis match has had to be re-arranged. It is now as follows:—

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| Class A. | Owes | 440. | Oxon. | E. J. |
| B. | Owes | 300. | Wallow. | |
| C. | Owes | 350. | Bird, Stewart, Oxon. | G. S. |
| D. | Owes | 150. | Potts, Hiest. | |
| E. | Owes | 115. | Gard, Travers. | Hawkins. |
| F. | Scratch | | Platt, Bramwell. | |
| G. | Receives | 115. | Flitt, Scott, Captain Blackburn. | |
| H. | Receives | 150. | Wise, Taylor, Darr. | Murray. |
| I. | Receives | 350. | Hethell, Maitland. | Garr, Sawyer. |
| K. | Receives | 300. | Dickson, Gray. | |

Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the a.s. *Glengyle*, from London for this port, left Singapore on the 10th inst.

The Kowloon Flower Show will be open from 6 to 6.30 p.m. on the 14th and 15th inst.

We have had to chronicle quite a list of mishaps to the unique *Stunt Lagoon* (Captain Nulson) during the last twelve months, and now we learn that she is considered to be a constructive total loss near Rajahm. No particulars have yet been received.

Fox selling samurai without a licence, Ng Cheung, the master of a chandler's shop in Centre Street, was fined \$40 by Mr Pollock to-day, and sixty fangs of the spirit, which had been seized in the shop by Sergeant Mann, were confiscated. The shop-keeper had held a licence (which costs \$12 a month) up to the end of February, and he told the Magistrate that he had been assured by a friend that the licence was not necessary.

Tuz Highland Games by the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, which take place at the Race-course to-morrow, should, with favourable weather, attract a large turnout of spectators to Happy Valley. The programme, a copy of which we have been favoured with, contains no fewer than thirty-three events, and is that of a real Highland gathering, with plenty of bagpipe-music and dancing and all the sports in which Highlanders excel. The open events include a mile race, a Highland Fling, a Sword Dance, a pipers' competition and a tug-of-war.

The Band of the Regiment will play the following programme:—

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|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| March | | "Sleeping Maggie" |
| Value | | "Rebels of Mount Victoria and Glen" |
| Solution | | "Domestication of Godfrey" |
| Quadrille | | "Prince Charlie" |
| Value | | "Scotch Beauties" |
| Gale | | "Good night and joy be it ye" |
| | | "Marta" |

A private telegram received this morning announced the loss of the British steamer *Sumatra* by fire, while on a voyage from Batavia to Hongkong and Yokohama, laden with kerosene oil.

The *Sumatra* was a British steamer of 146 tons register, built for the P. & O. Co. in 1887 by Denny, and sold by that Company in 1886 to Hajee Cassam of Bombay. She was engaged for some time in the Jeddah trade, but was sold recently, we believe, to a London owner. She was yesterday here to Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co., but no particulars are to hand as to the terrible end to which she has come. It is stated that the *Sumatra* left Batavia on the 25th ultimo, so that her destruction by fire may be presumed to have occurred somewhere near the Gulf of Suez. If we are correct in stating that this vessel is the old P. & O. *Sumatra*—for there is a Netherlands India steamer of the same name, and another (the very old P. & O. *Selima*) belonging to the Blyth Shipbuilding Co.—Captain Breez, formerly of the P. & O. *Indus*, was in command of her up to the time of her sale to Hajee Cassam. Whether Captain Breez was in her when she was destroyed, is uncertain; but anyhow no news whatever has been received as to the safety or the fate of the officers and crew.

CHRISTOPHER McQuail, a stranded mariner who has been boarding for some time at the Sailors' Home, was brought before Mr Pollock this morning charged with assaulting a ricksha coolie and refusing to pay vehicle fare. On being put in the dock McQuail noticed that the Court had omitted to provide him with a chair, but not wishing to cause trouble he climbed up on the top of the rail and sat there dangling his legs until Mr Pollock in his severest tones ordered him to come down. Christopher descended in a leisurely manner and with a look of surprise. He then reached for the nearest chair, and lifting it over the rail carefully placed it in a corner of the dock and sat down. Mr Pollock, however, ordered that the chair should be taken away unless there was some good reason for its being left in the dock, and as there appeared to be no sound argument to adduce in favour of McQuail's fondness for sitting being indulged, the chair was duly removed and the case proceeded. It appeared from the evidence that the defendant rode in the complainant's ricksha from the Sailors' Home to the Clock Tower, and assaulted the coolie when he asked for payment. His W. r. h. imposed a fine of \$3, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour, and also ordered the defendant to pay \$1.50 in compensation to the complainant, or suffer an additional week's hard labour.

A CHIMPANZEE'S BRAIN.—Crowley was a chimpanzee. He was an interesting feature at our zoological museum, and his human traits offered much amusement to visitors. He died a few months ago, and his brain has been examined by Dr Spitzka, who finds that it weighs less than one-third that of a human brain, but in the course of the examination it is made an important discovery. At the base of the fourth ventricle in intelligent persons there are what are called auditory streaks, which are supposed to have something to do with hearing and the power to distinguish the different words of a language, and in the brain of this chimpanzee were found faint white streaks in this area—a fact more remarkable when it is borne in mind that in deaf mutes these auditory streaks are not to be found.

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Mr Pollock was engaged in the Police Court nearly the whole of this morning in hearing a case which arose out of a quarrel between a Chinese sub-contractor and a European foreman of works engaged in the construction of new buildings at 'The Albany'. The complainant, Robert Mossip, a foreman of works in the employ of Messrs Bird and Palmer, architects, said he was superintending work in Queen's Gardens, and yesterday, while going from one of the new houses to another, he met the defendant, Tang Yun, a sub-contractor, who swore at him and struck him on the shoulder. Complainant slipped and fell, and defendant then hit him on the foot with a bamboo pole and told him to 'clear out'. The defendant and several others then threw bricks at him, hitting him on the back as he ran away. Complainant reported the matter to Messrs Bird and Palmer, and asked the contractor to give him the name of the defendant. The contractor refused to do so at first, but ultimately yielded on pressure from Messrs Bird and Palmer. When complainant was making the charge at the Central Station, the contractor called him to the door of the charge-room and asked him to withdraw the case, and said 'If you don't, I will get all the Chinese to come up and swear that you have been ill-treating them.' Complainant had never asked the contractor for money.

The contractor had offered him \$25 or furniture but he had refused to take it. Defendant made emphatic wooden boxes and had made him a 'cushaw' of some. His Worship found the charge proved and imposed a fine of \$15 with the alternative of two months' hard labour. Defendant took out a cross-suit against complainant, whom he charged with assault, but the case was dismissed.

A BILL that was recently introduced into the Straits Settlements to facilitate the resumption of land for public purposes, illustrates very forcibly the different temper in which private rights are dealt with in our sister colony as compared with Hongkong, where arrogance and contempt for the public seem to reign supreme. The Attorney General for the Straits thus summarized some of the sections of the proposed Act—Section 2 provided that compensation was to be made up of certain particulars. The market value of the land, or what would be given were the owner desirous of selling it, would be paid. It was not fair, however, to take a man's property from him at more market value, so in Clause (c) an additional sum of fifteen per cent on the amount of such market value would be given by way of compensation for the sale. Thus if a property was valued at \$10,000, an additional sum of \$1,500 as compensation for being compelled to sell it, would be awarded to the owner. Again, Clause (b) entitled a person so selling to compensation for loss sustained by reason of the severing of such land from his other land; while should he sustain loss by the sale injuriously affecting other property, say, for instance, the suspension of a business carried on in the premises, compensation would be made under Clause (c); and, lastly, compensation under Clause (d) would be granted where such loss or business was necessitated by change of residence or business necessitated by such sale incurred expenses. There were really five items of compensation which it could be possible to claim—the market value; an additional fifteen per cent; damage for severance from other land; damage for injuriously affecting residence or place of business.

THE following bona fide letter has been received, says the *Japan Gazette*, from a Japanese gentleman holding an official position. It is too good to be mutilated by any correction:—

Feb. 15th 2549.

Dear Sir,

I can not write for a long time. How do you do? I am so better as usual, more how many days I will need for repairing the work I did indeed I am very sorry you. I must write to you, but I am plentiful of news, I will go and visit you, when I have a time.

Our Imperial King published a representation government on Jan. 11st 2549, and shall establish The Parliament on Jan. 1st 2550.

How fortunate we are! How glad we look! We are surrounded by a small and fortunate atmosphere. I will write you by and by I hope you will take a good health.

Yours affectionately,

Yokohama.

THE *Hyogo News* says that Captain Har- dinge of the steamer *Palatka*, on arriving at Kobe on the 26th Feb., reported passing the British barque *Penshaw*, of Hongkong, in the Kii Channel about seventy miles from Kobe, and in want of assistance owing to being short-handed. The *Palatka* could not spare any men, but Messrs. B. E. Reynolds & Co., to whom the *Penshaw* is consigned, sent down ten sailors by the steam-launch *Kate* immediately they received information of the barque's predicament.—The *Penshaw* was bound for Kobe from Manila, with a cargo of wood.

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